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Dear Paul,

The mail dialy prevents such simple chores as refiling what I had to take from the files for the elaborate legal papers I filed. Today's is no exception. I begin with what has been of interest to you, with a Jim you can send "in if you are certain of his continuing interest in this area. As I wrote you yesterday, it is my belief this is a delicate area in which we should and must be extremely circumspect.

You are aware of the questions I asked Paul. I repeat them and his answers:

Could Lowery have been Hosty's boy? Maybe.

Is there a remote possibility that Oswald served or was intended to serve in similar capacity for the Dallas police? Yes, but no record of it anywhere.

(Comment: this indicates to me he had earlier had the same idea on his own and checked.)

Have you any reason to believe he was once doing this for the FBI and Hosty's job was to heat him up again? Rather believe they were trying to recruit him as an informer.

Shoe salesman in Oak Cliff is suggestive, isn't it? Yes.

The remuneration is approximately what Sweatt attributed to Oswald. Did he ever tell you this story? No, and they won't talk about it per DA but there is new source now (here writing unclear, but appears to be a slight error. It says, I think ~~xx~~ "an + asst DA").

The GIforum involved a man who was badly abused and innocent, Joe Molina. Lowery apparently was one of the Bureau's informants on that. Their interest baffles me. Ans: "I knew tons of info on this". (More below)

In a separate letter he emphasises that he is depending on recollection that may not be dependable and thinks at least one of his sources if the John Bircher to be mentioned. He then says that Lowery was a JBS member who was ~~planted~~ planted in the CP. Then the Bureau started using him, and after he became hard to handle the Bureau cut him loose. Hard to handle underlined. Lowery also made a series of speeches around Dallas and his present whereabouts is unknown.

This is the explanation of interest in Molina and the GI Forum. Molina was one of dix members of a CP cell,, of whom four were informers! Such things are not impossible. From my youth I recall a case where General Motors reduced the UAW at Flint from a 20,000 local to six by means of such plants. and all six were "agents"! These four were working for the JBS, DPD, FBI and one I haven't doped out DPS. His opinion is that each editorialized a bit from what its informers produced and to this he adds the comment "at least three of them did". Thus, when the agencies checked "they came up with "olina", in checking the TSBD. His added comment: "1+3=5", There was so little CP activity in Texas and that so weak, only two, who he names, were free of the taint of being informers. At one time at least 50% were informers. He says he ~~xx~~ can't prove it but he believes his sources.

I've no time for added comment. But I would emphasize that even if he thinks it more likely that there was an effort to recruit LHO, he is also saying that he believes there was some connection. The difference between recruiting an informer and trying to get a former one back in the fold is slight anyway.

Hurriedly,